including the scheme of Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM). Under this scheme technical skills are imparted to poor rural youths to enable them to take up self/wage employment. Such youths are also provided loans/subsidy under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).

(c) The information is not available in this Ministry. However, number of TRYSEM trained rural youths employed during the last three years of the Eighth Plan is as follows:

1992-93	1.41 lakhs
1993-94	1.50 lakhs
1994-95	1.31 lakhs

Efforts to Educate the Masses about Welfare-Schemes

954. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and total number of the Welfare Schemes about which the 'Information and Mass Education' Scheme aducates the masses and creates public awareness;

(b) whether this effort has been successful; and

(c) the further steps being taken to see that the weaker sections etc. know about the various welfare schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Ministry of Welfare deals with a large number of activities and schemes for the socially dis-advantaged and weaker sections of society, such as, SCs, STs, Minorities, OBCs, Handicapped, children in difficult circumstances, Aged, Drug Abusers, Alcoholics, Beggars etc. A list indicating names and total number of the Welfare Schemes about which the Information and Mass Education' Scheme educates the Masses and creates public awareness is enclosed as Statement. *(See below)*

(b) Yes.

(c) Efforts are continuously on to generate awareness through a multi media campaign involving audio-visual, print, press, outdoor and traditional media. Efforts are also made to associate State Govts/UTs as well as NGOs working in the field to create public awareness among the weeker sections.

Statement

WELFARE SCHEMES

SCHEDULED CASTES DEVELOPMENT

(i) Special Central Assistance for Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes.

(ii) Scheduled Castes Development Corporations.

(iii) National SCs and STs Finance & Development Corporations.

(iv) National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers.

(v) Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs and STs.

(vi) Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations.

(vii) National Overseas Scholarships.

(viii) Hostels for SC Boys.

(ix) Hostels for SC Girls.

(x) Book Banks for SC/ST students.

(xi) Upgradation of Merit of SC/ST students.

(xii) Coaching & Allied Scheme.

(xiii) Implementation of PCR Act, 1955 and SCs and STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

(xiv) Special Educational Development Programme for Girls belonging to low literacy areas.

(xv) Ambedkar Foundation.

(xvi) National Commission for SCs and STs.

(xvii) National Commission for Safai Karamcharis.

SCHEDULED TRIBES DEVELOPMENT

1. Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan for Scheduled Tribes.
2. Boys Hostel for Scheduled Tribes.
3. Girls Hostel for Scheduled Tribes.
4. Ashram School for Scheduled Tribes.
5. Educational Complex in low literacy pocket for Scheduled Tribe Girls.
6. State Tribal Development Corporative Corporations (TDCs) for Minor Forest Produce Operations.
7. Investment/Price Support-TRIFED.

MINORITIES AND BACKWARD CLASSES

(a) 15 Point Programme for Minorities.

(b) Scheme for Pre-Examination Coaching for weaker Sections based on economic criteria.

(c) National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation.

(d) National Commission for Minorities.

WELFARE OF THE OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES

(a) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation.

(b) Pre-Examination Coaching Scheme for weaker sections based on economic criteria.

(c) National Commission for Backward Classes.

HANDICAPPED WELFARE

1. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled.
2. Scheme of Assistance to the Disabled persons for purchase/fitting of Aids/ Appliances.
3. Rehabilitation of Leprosy-Cured Persons.
4. Establishment of Special Schools.
5. Science and Technology Project in Mission Mode.
6. National Institutes, IPH and NIRTAR.
7. Legislation viz. "Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and full Participation) Bill, 1955".
8. To set up, a National Trust for the Welfare of the Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy.

SOCIAL DEFENCE

1. Services for Children in need of Care & Protection in Assam.
2. Central Adoption Resource Agency.
3. Homes for Infant and Young Children for promotion in country adoption.
4. Scheme for Street Children.
5. Education Work for Prohibition and Drug Abuse.
6. Prevention and Control of Juvenils Maladjustments.
7. Programmes relating to Aged.
8. Beggary Prevention.

Expansion of Desert Land Development and Drought Prone Regional Programme

955. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a dire need to expand the ambit of Desert Land Development Programme/Drought Prone Regional Programme;

(b) if so, the number of suggestions received so far from the State Governments in this regard;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat have made any demand from Government to implement this programme in Mandvi and Mundara areas of Kutch; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) (SHRI VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR): (a) The coverage of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) has been recently widened following the new criteria recommended by the Technical Committee on DPAP and DDP headed by Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao. The DPAP has been extended to 946 blocks in 149 districts of 13 States from its earlier coverage of 627 blocks in 96 districts of 13 States. Similarly, the DDP now is under implementation in 227 blocks of 36 districts in 7 States in Place of its earlier coverage of 131 blocks in 21 districts of 5 States. The new coverage became operational w.e.f. 1.4.1995.

(b) In their Memoranda submitted to the Technical Committee on DPAP nad DDP, all the Programme States except Bihar, requested the Government of India for inclusion of more blocks under the programmes.